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Dear Jim,

This is to thank you for finding the time for the two letters in today's mail and to express the hope that Jenifer's return to the hospital eases her pain and speeds a successful diagnosis.

It will be better for her and your time with her will, I think, mean more to her if you can avoid exhausting yourself and having it show.

Glad you got to see the Good Morning America show. (I knew so little I have been calling it A.M. America.) I owe it in part to your necessary and prompt directness if any good comes of it. (They were going to fly me to California at their cost.) To have been any kind of burden to either of you would have been awful. And abusive of both of you.

You have, I'm sure, noticed the reduction in flow. I wrote the memo on the TV thing when quite tired and I've not read it. I sent that only because there were parts I thought might be interesting to Je, especially finding human beings there. Warm ones, too. Thoughtful and personally interested.

Only with personal friends have I ever found that in TV.

Please do not feel any need to respond. If you can let us know what you can when you can we'll appreciate those few words.

The volume of work here has increased to where I can't think of any but the most essential travel. My expectation of getting to writing in a week or two was optimistic. The amount and content of the King material alone are unprecedented. Making adequate use is impossible. Good use will be difficult if only from the elimination problem. Getting it and making it available, however, is worth the trouble, cost and sacrifice.

There will be more. Began to join battle on this a month or more ago. In three weeks they will have delivered the monstrous big HQ files except for deletions under claimed exemptions. In nine days we'll be in court on this again, Lesar willing with some new initiatives to present to them and the judge. By then we should start getting the Memphis files. But imagine the historic, scholarly and at some point literary value of an entire FBI HQ file of this nature and magnitude - all except a few pages, albeit with fairly extensive withholdings by obliteration. We are in the 80s in the numbered volumes that run into the 90s, of an average of 200 pp each. Not the King personal stuff, either.

After Ray's break Hal phoned. I was not here. He told Bill he wants to stay in touch.

Dallas has been silent except for a few calls of praise over the ABC show. It was good to me when I was there.

We do hope everything is getting easier for you both,

much,